

DEDICATION THAT GOES BEYOND THE CURB



Waste Management (WM) is the official environmental solutions provider for the City of Okeechobee. Please review WM's curbside collection guidelines to ensure you receive the most from your solid waste service.

Curbside Collection Reminders

Please ensure items are placed **curbside prior to 6 a.m.** on your collection day.

Place your cart at least **3 feet away from all objects** including other carts, mailboxes, cars, and trees. The lid opening should face the street with the wheels of the cart facing your house.

DO NOT place household hazardous waste (HHW) in your cart, such as lithium ion and rechargeable batteries, household chemicals, and flammable items. HHW may be disposed of on Amnesty Day, which will occur one-time per year. The date and additional information will be posted in the local newspaper.

Curbside Collection Services

TRASH

Trash collection is once per week.

Please use your green cart for collection service.

Bulk waste is considered items such as household furnishings (couch, mattress, table) or other items too large to be placed inside your trash cart. These items will be serviced on your regularly scheduled trash collection day.

DO NOT mix residential household garbage together with yard trash, hazardous waste, furniture, appliances, or construction & demolition debris such as fencing, floor tiles, lumber, and concrete.

YARD WASTE

Yard waste collection of carted material is once per week.

Please use your tan cart for collection service.

Yard Waste, such as small branches, grass clippings and palm fronds **MUST** be placed inside your cart. The lid **DOES NOT** need to be closed.

BULK YARD WASTE

WM will collect bulk yard waste, which is considered large, loose piles that are **4 cubic yards or less** (about the size of a picnic table). The resident/property owner is responsible to make arrangements for removal of anything more than 4 cubic yards. You may self-haul, hire a private contractor, or contact WM to schedule service for \$15 per cubic yard.

WHITE GOODS

Please contact WM to schedule white goods collection service.

Acceptable white good items include refrigerators, water heaters, freezers, BBQ grills (no propane tanks), and other similar appliances.

RECYCLING

Recycling collection is once per week.

Please use your blue cart for collection service.

Recycle Right: Plastic Bottles, Jugs and Tubs; Aluminum, Tin, and Steel Cans; Paper (newspaper, office paper, or junk mail); Cardboard; and Glass. Single Stream Recycling does not require items to be separated.

Please **DO NOT** bag recyclables, items must be loose inside your recycling cart.

Effective October 1, 2023 your old recycling bin **WILL NOT** be serviced. You may repurpose your bin, or place in your trash cart for disposal.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact WM's Customer Service Department at **(863) 763-4818** or visit www.wm.com for online support.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no collection on **Thanksgiving and Christmas.**

Collection services will be delayed by one-day for the remainder of the week. Regular collection schedules will resume the following week. If a holiday falls on a weekend, collection service will not be impacted. For more information, please visit www.WMFloridaHoliday.com.

HURRICANE SEASON

Hurricane Season is June 1 through November 30. If a storm impacts our area, please visit www.WMFloridaStorm.com for collection service updates.

BEFORE THE STORM:

Trim trees, hedges, and all vegetation at the start of hurricane season in June and maintain your property throughout the season. Stop all yard maintenance and tree trimming activities and **DO NOT** place vegetative waste curbside within three (3) days of a hurricane warning.

AFTER THE STORM:

Please separate regular household trash and recycling from storm debris curbside. WM is only responsible for collecting regular household trash after a storm. A third-party contractor, secured by the City, will collect storm debris.

WM will restart curbside collection of normal household trash and recycling as soon as it is safe to do so on the streets that are passable.

